[1st February 1929

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I request the hon. the Law Member to place the information on the table of the House as soon as it is received ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I will consider it."

Levy of poundage in respect of strayed cattle in Nallajarla forest.

* 1295 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in Nallajarla forest, West Godavari district, there are scattered reserve plots in the midst of grazing areas ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the poundage collected in respect of cattle straying into the reserve plots is Re. 1 per head of cattle ;

(c) for how many years past and for what reasons the poundage imposed in the case of Nallajarla forest is Re. 1 per head of cattle ;

(d) whether the usual rate of poundage is 4 annas per head ; and

(e) whether Government will consider the desirability of reducing the poundage rate in Nallajarla forest to 4 annas ?

A.—(a) The Nallajarla reserve supplies fuel and a portion thereof is also fit for grazing. It is true that portions here and there closed to grazing are in the midst of grazing areas. This depends upon the position of the respective coupes and cannot be altered.

(b) Yes.

(c) No information is available regarding the period during which this poundage has been in force. The high rate is intended to discourage trespass as it is extremely injurious to young growth in the plantations on which depends the fuel supply to the growing municipal town of Ellore.

(d) Yes.

(e) No.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" As regards the answer to clause (c), may I know on what material the Government based this answer, namely, that growing fuel in the Nallajarla forest is necessary for fuel supply to the growing municipal town of Ellore ? Have they got information as to how much fuel is taken to Ellore and whether any fuel is taken at all ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The answer given here is based on the report of the Chief Conservator."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" Are the Government aware that the Nallajarla forest is far away and that there are forests nearer Ellore to supply fuel ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice."

Jails

Introduction of hand-spinning in jails.

* 1296 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 772 answered on 28th November 1928, whether the Government have considered the desirability of introducing cotton hand-spinning in the jails by the persons confined therein, and if so, with what result ?